

COYOTE-RELATED RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

These rule changes clarify that coyotes taken from March 16 through October 14 (outside the hunting and trapping season) must be euthanized and cannot be possess under any license, sold, traded, bartered or gifted. These changes also clarify that the untanned hides and carcasses of coyotes taken during the season cannot be possessed for more than 20 days outside the close of the season.

TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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Amends 312 IAC 9-3-12 and 9-3-14.5 which govern the taking and possession of coyotes. Prohibits the sale and possession of coyotes taken outside the hunting and trapping season. Allows untanned hides and carcasses of coyotes to be possessed for no more than 20 days after the close of the season. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

312 IAC 9-3-12
312 IAC 9-3-14.5

SECTION 1. 312 IAC 9-3-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

312 IAC 9-3-12 Foxes, coyotes, and skunks

Authority: IC 14-22-2-6, IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-22

Sec. 12. (a) The season for hunting:

- (1) red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*); and
- (2) gray foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*)

is from noon on October 15 until noon on February 28 of the following year.

(b) The season for trapping:

- (1) red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*); and
- (2) gray foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*);

is from 8 a.m. on October 15 until noon on January 31 of the following year.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the season for:

- (1) hunting coyotes (*Canis latrans*) and striped skunks (*Mephitis mephitis*) is from noon on October 15 until noon on March 15 of the following year; and
- (2) trapping coyotes (*Canis latrans*) and striped skunks (*Mephitis mephitis*) is from 8 a.m. on October 15 until noon on March 15 of the following year.

~~A coyote must not be possessed from April 5 through October 14 except to provide for its prompt disposal.~~

(d) A person who possesses land, or another person designated in writing by that person, may take coyotes on that land at any time. **A coyote taken under this subsection from March 16 through October 14 must be euthanized within twenty-four (24) hours of capture. A coyote taken under this subsection from March 16 through October 14 shall not be:**

- (1) possessed for more than twenty-four (24) hours; or**
- (2) sold;**
- (3) traded;**

- (4) bartered; or**
(5) gifted.

(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-3-12; filed May 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2706; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; filed Sep 23, 2004, 3:00 p.m.: 28 IR 539; filed Jun 23, 2006, 2:24 p.m.: 20060719-IR-312050214FRA)

SECTION 2. 312 IAC 9-3-14.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

312 IAC 9-3-14.5 Possession of Furbearing Mammals

Authority: IC 14-22-2-6, IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-22

Sec. 14.5 (a) A person must not possess the untanned hide or unprocessed carcass of any of the following species that have been lawfully taken for more than 20 days after the close of the hunting or trapping season:

- (1) red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*),
- (2) gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*),
- (3) striped skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*),
- (4) beaver (*Castor canadensis*),
- (5) mink (*Mustela vison*),
- (6) muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*),
- (7) long-tailed weasel (*Mustela frenata*),
- (8) Virginia opossum (*Didelphis marsupialis*)
- (9) raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), and
- (10) coyote (*Canis latrans*).**

(b) A person must not possess a live furbearing mammal listed in subsection (a) outside the hunting or trapping season except as otherwise authorized under this article.

(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-3-14.5)